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SUBJECT: PL 480 EDIBLE OIL PROGRAM FOR PAKISTAN

1. BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED REFTEL (A) AND ITS OWN STUDY, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE HAS CONCLUDED THAT EFFECT OF SUBJECT PROGRAM ON SINGAPORE WILL BE MARGINAL, BOTH IN TERMS OF ENTREPOT TRADE AND SECONDARILY IN USAGE OF SINGAPORE PORT FACILITIES BY MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN SHIPPERS. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE DEPARTMENT, TAN SONG CHUAN, SAID HE ANTICIPATES THAT PAKISTAN WILL BE INDUCED TO BUY MORE EDIBLE OILS FROM THE U.S. (ON COMMERCIAL BASIS) BY PL 480 PROGRAM AND BY LOWER PRICES OF COTTONSEED/SOYBEAN OILS DUE TO U.S. BUMPER CROP. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT GREATEST IMPACT WOULD BE ON MALAYSIA AND TO LESSER EXTENT INDONESIA.

2. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE GOS POLICY, MR. TAN STATED THAT THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES AS A GROUP WILL EVENTUALLY APPROACH THE U.S. ON ITS
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PL 480 EDIBLE OILS PROGRAMS. THE GOS WILL SUPPORT SUCH COMMON POSITIONS EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT DIRECTLY

AFFECTED. IN ADDITION TO MALAYSIA, HE USED THE EXAMPLE
OF THE PHILIPPINES, WHICH HE SAID HAS AN EXPANDING
COCONUT OIL INDUSTRY, AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF PRESSURE ON
OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORT OF ITS INTERESTS IN
EDIBLE OILS. (WE NOTE FROM REFTEL A THAT THE PHILIPPINES
WAS NOT ONE OF THE COUNTRIES CONSULTED).
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